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ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS IN STOCKHOLM, 1910

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At the tenth meeting of the International Geological Congress in Mexico, 1906, the Swedish geologists invited the congress to hold its next session in Stockholm, an invitation that was unanimously accepted. In view of the extensive preliminary work occasioned by the projected excursions, a wish was expressed by the Swedes that the meeting in question, which should really have taken place in three years' time, might be postponed until 1910. The decision was left to the Swedish geologists, and subsequently 1910 was fixed upon by the Swedish organizing convocation for the meeting in Stockholm.

The initiative in inviting the International Geological Congress to Sweden was taken by the Geological Society in Stockholm on May 4, 1905, when a committee was appointed, which raised the sum required for the undertaking by means of state grants, etc., and issued the invitation on the occasion of the session in Mexico.

A general meeting of the Swedish geologists was held in Stockholm on March 5, 1907, for the purpose of drawing up a general program for the work of organization. This meeting also instructed the previously established committee to officiate as Executive Committee for future arrangements. On the retirement of the former director of the Geological Survey of Sweden, Professor A. E. Törnebohm, his place, as president of the committee, was taken by Professor G. de Geer. The treasurer of the committee is Professor H. Bäckström, while Professor J. G. Andersson, the present director of the Geological Survey of Sweden, officiates as general secretary.

The Swedish Executive Committee considers it advisable that *preference* should be given to the discussion of such questions at the meeting of the congress in Stockholm, as the actual geological phenomena of Sweden or of the polar regions can throw light upon. Particu-

lar attention should thus be devoted to the following domains of geological science:

1. *The Geology of Archaean Rocks.*
2. *The Geology of the Quaternary Period.* (Especially climatic changes in late- and post-glacial times.)
3. *The Geology of the Polar Regions.*
4. *Applied Geology.* (Especially extent and distribution of the supplies of iron-ore in the world.)

Numerous, extensive excursions have been planned in connection with the Congress:

Before the Meeting:

1. Northern Sweden. (Norrland.)
 - a) Large overthrusts, post-archaeal eruptives, etc. 20 days
 - b) The ore-fields of Gellivare and Kirunavara. 10 days
 - c) Quaternary formations in Jämtland. 10 days
 - d) Quaternary formations in Norrbotten. 10 days
2. Spitzbergen. About 3 weeks
3. Peat-beds in central Sweden. 6 days

During the Meeting:

Several one-day excursions.

After the Meeting:

1. Five simultaneous excursions in Southern Sweden, excepting Scania. 12 days
 - a) Archaean rocks.
 - b) Cambrian-Silurian beds.
 - c) Quaternary deposits.
 - d) Ores.
 - e) General geology.
2. (To follow 1.) Three simultaneous excursions in Scania. 7 days
 - a) Cambrian-Silurian beds.
 - b) Mesozoic beds.
 - c) Quaternary beds.

The first excursions (to Spitzbergen and Norrland) begin about July 25, the meeting of the congress takes place about August 18-26, and the last excursions (in Scania) end in the middle of September.

This program is subject to alterations; the present scheme is provisional.

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